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National Cadet Corps

*51 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a permanent building to accommodate National Cadet Corps in the State; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The selection of site is under consideration.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there any proposal to get land in the Island ground itself for putting up a building for the N.C.C. people?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is a proposal to have a site within the Government House Estate. Which site they should have, is yet to be decided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the building intended to be put up for the State Headquarters or the District Headquarters?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The present proposal is about the State Headquarters.

Teacher's Constituencies

*52 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the method adopted for preparation of electoral rolls for Teachers' Constituencies in the State;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the omission of a large number of electors in the electoral rolls prepared for Teachers' Constituencies for the biennial elections in April, 1962; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to avoid such recurrences?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Under the rules, the draft electoral rolls of the Madras Legislative Council Teachers' Constituencies are prepared every year on the basis of applications received from the eligible persons with reference to the qualifying date, namely, the 1st November, in response to the public notice issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of each Constituency by the 1st October and which is published in his office and in all subordinate offices calling upon every person entitled to be registered in the roll to send the application in the prescribed form before the 7th November. The notices are also required to be published in two newspapers having circulation in the constituency. The notices issued for the preparation of the electoral rolls used for the biennial elections in 1962 were published

in a consolidated form twice in each of the three leading newspapers in this State, viz., the Hindu, the Mail and the Indian Express. Wide publicity was given drawing attention to these notices. Instructions were also issued to the Electoral Registration Officers to contact the Heads of institutions and obtain lists of eligible persons and act upon those lists after due verification. After the draft roll is prepared, it is published and time is given for a period of 15 days for the filing of claims and objections.

(*b*) & (*c*) If the names of some persons were omitted from the rolls, it might be due to the fact that the concerned persons did not care to send their applications for inclusion of their names in the draft roll or later during the period allowed for the filing of claims and that the Heads of Institutions did not respond to the action taken for obtaining the lists of eligible persons. The electoral rolls can be perfect only when all the voters take interest and apply for inclusion of their names in the rolls.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know whether the Education Department was asked to co-operate with the Revenue Department in the preparation of the electoral rolls?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no question of one department co-operating with another department. I have already stated that instructions were isued by the Registration Officers to the Heads of Departments to contact the heads of institutions to seek their co-operation in getting exhaustive lists.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, புதிய ஆசிரியர்களை வாக்காளர்களாகச் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டிய கட்டத்தில் ஏற்கனவே வாக்காளராக இருந்த ஆசிரியர்கள் பட்டியலில் இருந்து அறவே நீக்கப்பட்டதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : எதற்காக நீக்கப்பட்டது என்று நான் காரணம் சொல்ல முடியாது. நீக்கப்பட்டிருந்தால் அவர்கள் விழிப்புடன் இருந்து நீக்கப்பட்டது தவறு என்று ஆட்சேபம் தெரிவித்திருக்கவேண்டும்.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, பழைய பட்டியலிலிருந்த பெயர்கள் தனித்தனிப் பெயர்களாக விடப்படவில்லை. பழைய பட்டியலே ஒதுக்கப்பட்டு, புதிய பட்டியல் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. பழைய பட்டியல் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டதற்கு என்ன காரணம்?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : உப தேர்தலின் போது அப்படி செய்வதில்லை. சில பேர்கள் சேர்ப்பது, எடுப்பது என்று உண்டு. புதுத்தேர்தலின்போது எல்லாவற்றையும் நீக்கிப் புதிதாகச் சேகரிக்கிறார்கள். அப்படிச் சேர்ப்பதில் எல்லோரையும் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும்.

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DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : ஐயா, தொகுதிகளை மாற்றி நிர்ணயம் செய்ததால் திரும்பவும் எல்லோரும் புதிதாகச் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படவேண்டுமென்று அரசாங்கம் கட்டளை பிறப்பித்திருப்பது மெய்தானா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : பொதுத் தேர்தலில் இந்த மாதிரி **Delimitation** இருந்தாலும்கூட அந்தந்தத் தாலுக்காவிலுள்ள ஆசிரியர்களை தொகுதி மாற்றுவதால் மட்டும் இந்த மாதிரிப் புதிதாகச் சேர்க்கவேண்டிய அவசியமில்லை என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Generally the Registration Officer used to send forms to the heads of institutions and get the names of eligible voters. This time they did not co-operate in furnishing the list of eligible voters. Are the Government aware of this?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : My attention has not been drawn to that. Apart from the Registration Officers contacting the heads of institutions and the heads of institutions taking interest in it, the prospective candidates should also have taken interest.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : While the question relates to the error of omission of certain teachers' names in the list, may I bring to the attention of the Government that there is also an error of commission? Very many teachers just coming out of the training school surprisingly enough found their names in the electoral rolls. May I request the Government to insist upon the certificate of valid service before inclusion of the teachers' names in the rolls?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Voters are to be enrolled according to the provisions in the law. If people who are not entitled to be voters are put in, others should be vigilant and take objection in time to the inclusion of such names.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : From the replies of the Hon. Minister, are we to take it that the rolls are to be prepared afresh every two years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I did not say so, Sir.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, மூன்று 3–10 p.m.
ஆண்டுகளுக்கு மேலாக ஆசிரியர்களாக இருப்பவர்கள் மட்டும் தான் வாக்காளர்களாக இருக்கலாமென்ற முறை இருக்கிற காரணத்தால், மூன்று ஆண்டுகளுக்கு மேல் ஆசிரியர்களாக இருப்பவர்கள் பட்டியலைக் கல்வித்துறை இலாகா, வாக்காளர் பட்டியல் தயாரிக்கும் இலாகாவுக்கு அனுப்ப இயலாதா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதற்குத்தான் அந்தந்தக் கல்வி ஸ்தாபனங்களில் இருக்கும் தலைவர்கள் இதில் ஒத்துழைக்கவேண்டுமென்று கோரப்படுகிறது. அந்தக் கல்வி

ஸ்தாபனங்களுடைய தலைவர்கள் இதைப் பார்த்து என்னென்ன பெயர்கள் சேர்க்க வேண்டுமோ அதை ரிஜிஸ்ட்ரேஷன் ஆபீசரிடம் கொடுத்தால், ஓட்டர்களாக உரிமை உள்ளவர்களை எல்லாம் அவர் சேர்க்கமுடியும்.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us, Sir, the reasons for omitting the present electoral rolls and preparing new ones for the biennial elections in 1962?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take steps to enfranchise all the elementary school teachers also and include their names in the electoral rolls?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is a question of applying the existing law. There is no proposal before the Government to amend that law.

Construction of pandals

* 53 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to ban the issue of licences for the construction of pandals with combustible materials for use as places of public resort and entertainments in crowded localities in the City and towns; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it the intention of the Government that people who reside near the pandals should take courage in both their hands to construct houses nearby and undergo the risk incumbent on such a thing?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : No. Sir. There is no such thing.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Government at least consider the desirability of asking people who want to construct pandals not to use combustible materials, and in case they have to use combustible materials to have those combustible materials treated by chemical processes to prevent combustion?

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : It is only a suggestion and not a question.